

************** BILL, =:= THE :=: PLOTTER.

A NEWSPAPER MAN'S STORY.

TT seems but yesterday that old fanity directed at editors in general, gill liams furched into the office, turned and left the office. I fell over a chair or two, sat himand announced, with drunken gravity, est he was the best blank-dashed Job-

printer that hit the pike. Tes? I said, briefly, glancing up hen one of the pungent paragraphs roared. "Gimme my time" hat used to cause me so much amuseneal, jet were not appreciated by the grange editors of the metropolitan morrow?"

-pidu't I say so, young feller?" he said in an aggrieved tone, as he warded for my box of smoking tobaceand stowed away a handful of it behis his wealth of bristling mustache and whiskers. "Gimme a Job?" he alled closing one eye and viewing me estically with the other, the while he naticated the robacco,

We needed a man, so I called the

Give this man that bill head job of Deller's, Ed, and see what he can as, with all those I cried, in dismay.

Til dern soon show ye what o' Bill ra do, young feller," grumbled Mr. lims, as he rolled off the table and followed Ed. "Of Bill c'n turn out artistic work fr'm a blacksmith shop-geh's I take this t' be, sonny," with temptuous glance at the interior of the press and composing-room. Then whing up his cont, filled his old cob pe-with my tobacco-grabbed a wick," and went to work.

The proof of that one-horse bill-head to when it was handed me, about squarters of an hour later, filled eath for. It was a thing of beauty

Do you want to stay here awhile?" isted having in mental view nugous orders for job-work on the agth of Mr. Ijam's unquestionable By in that line. Bill was standing in folded arms, leering at me with mone-eyed squint of his.

Yourse-of ye c'n stand my price.' "What is it?"

Be named a figure about seven dolhas a week higher than I felt we midafford; but as I pondered over it, ended, "But I c'n do more work is two ordinary men-ef I git it t'

"All right," I said, finally, "we'll try a week," and I turned again to my

"Hold on," he said, "I want t' make igreement with ye. Don't let me are any money. I can't stand prosty, je see. So, e' ye'd jest's soon tike me out at some boardin'-house, gitme a little eatin' and burnin' t'nea, I'll be fixed."

This was agreed to, as was also the quest that I "stake" him for another ik to "steady his nerves." Then ill settled down to work-and if ever en was a star of the first magnitude the job-printing line, he was that me I took samples of the first two three jobs he turned out, and with se I sallied forth and booked more des than we had received in mouths ot; but old Bill, slow in his movesits as he was, proved equal to the th and everything was done on as as promised. Not only was be ble in his working capacity, but elegt us all amused with a constant w of anecdotes, related in his dry whadrawling voice, rendered husby years of dalliance with John triggern and tobacco.

Beclaimed to be, and probably was, br @ years of age, and was a walkreseyelépedia of geographical Inforilles, having walked, he said, in evcountry on the face of the carth brethe English language is printed. course he had worked on the New ok Tribune in Greeley's time, and is one of the several thousand "only m' who could rendlly decipher "old cares copy. Carro, Egypt, was one the out-of-the-way places he had eld cases" in, and accordingly the wide dabbed him "Africa," which solost he did not resent in the least. He had been with us about a week, o, one morning, he slouched into office and dropped into a chair near For some time he puffed away his vile old pipe without speaking. finally remarked, apropos of noth-

Tell me ye write some f'r magaes, an' so on." admitted that I possessed literary

Fre want s'm' rattlin' good plots, Hill, with some diffidence, "I c'n lefull of 'em. Make 'em up when drunk 'r on th' road. Good ones,

isp I said, wearily-for I had ti many a duli bour with that vaof bore with "a rattling good

to tell about. "Why don't you em yourself you ant ain't soher long enough." Bill, frankly. "When I am so-

I have t' work 't th' trade, so's t' salek Frams, But I'll tell you some Stay awhile, after they go t' some night, an' we'll chaw th'

thall due gratitude to Bill for his ly laterest in my affairs, and the staking way in which he imparted he those plots of his upon which specessful hits of fletion were to sided, it must be said that his efto assist me were fruitfess, Either ober forgot the principal features plots mapped out by Bill drunk, a listener was singularly obtuse At any rate, I am not going to tell

were embodied. is saddened Bill and made him The last straw cane in the of a note from an editorial who had published a number of of mine, in which he frankly his private opinion that I must thawful nerve to expect him to

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At 5 o'clock in the afternoon be came I fell over a chart of the edge of my table, back, drunk and abusive, and wanted I held out to him to go out to our camp what money was due him. I tried to dissunde him, tehing him we wanted him to stay with the office nwhile, "To hal with you an' th' office;" he

> "But the bank's closed, Bill," I plended. "Won't a few dollars do until to-

"Give-me-my-time-now!"

I went out, eashed a check with some difficulty, and came back and gave full his money. He went out growling.

Next morning he came in, showing the effects of his debauch, and sat down by the stove.

"Ready to go to work, Bill?" I asked, "No. I'm goin' t' hit th' road," he said, gruffly. "C'n ye let me have four

"Great Caesar, Bill! You won't quit us, with all those jobs on the book?" "Might as well, Won't be any good

ef I stay," he replied, with considerable firmness. "Do I git th' four bits." He got it, and after shaking bands all round, he disappeared in the direction of the railway station.

About six months later Bill floated into the office again. If he had been sober during the interval, there certainly was nothing about his appearance to indicate it. I have seen almost every variety of bum and tramp, but in all my experience I cannot recall meeting one of such thoroughly unwholesome appearance as old Bill presented that morning.

"Wie geht's, sonny?" he blecoughed, cheerfully, holding out a dirty paw. "Know me?"

I surveyed him with Ill-concealed disgust, as I remarked: "It is possible that a bath and a barber might disclose the face and form

of my old friend Bill. But now-great Scott, Bill! Go and get a bath and a halr-cut." He took the dollar I gave him, chuck-

led hoarsely, and left, to return in about an hour somewhat improved in appearance, and ready for work. "Say," he remarked, as he took off

his coat, "I've got th' best derned plot f'r a short story ye ever heard of. I'll tell ye t'night." But, alas! it was like all the others

he had given me, and quite as valueless as those he subsequently imparted to me during his three weeks' sojourn with us. At the end of that time, he departed in much the same manner as before. He got drunk, "went broke," borrowed a half-dollar again, and walked out of town,

For the next three years he showed up at intervals of five or six monthsdeparting as innocent of means as when he arrived, always, however, with a new suit of clothes. Never did e fall to announce, upon his arrival. that he had the "best derned plot" for a story I ever heard of. And never did one of his ideas avail me anything.

A year or so after the death of the always sickly Journal, of which I had been editor-in-chief from the beginning, I met Bill in Chicago, I was then "doing police" on one of the morning papers, and it was while attending the Monday "round-up" at the old Armory station that I became aware of his presence. As the police judge, after looking at the name on the sheet before him, remarked something about "jim-jams" being a more appropriate name than "Ilams," I glanced up, and there, in the prisoners' dock, was old Bill, looking, ch! so tough!-but with a knowing leer on his face as he recognized me.

I whispered to the Judge, who grinned, "Old friend, ch? William, the officer says you were drunk and disorderly, Saturday night. How about it?" "Guilty, judge," said Bill, cheerfully. "M-hm, Ever been here before,

"Not as many times 's I ought t'

"Coming again? No? Discharged Your friend here wishes to see you William."

Bill was entirely unabashed when I met him at the door, and seemed greatly amused as my suggestion that he ought to be ashamed of himself. "I never thought you'd come to this, Bill," I said, severely.

boy! Likewise. "Fiddle-de-dee, 'Rats'l" replied Bill, with coarse disregard for the dignity of my official star. happened, I wouldn't be tryin' t' borrow a dollar now," he continued, ly blamed for the windows they broke, ularities are discovered, he promptly

adroftly. He got the dollar, and on the way uptown unfolded to me one of the "best derned plots" for a story he had ever evolved; but it was not good enough to consider, and my manner told him so.

"I'll leave ye here," he said abrupt ly, as we came to Van Buren street. "I look too tough t' go uptown with ye. But looky, sonny, nex' time I see ye, I'm sure goin' t' give ye a plot that'll make y'r hair curl. Understand?"

We parted, and Bill made a beo-line for the nearest place to get an "eyeopener." That was the last I saw of "Rover," they claimed to be "Hounds,"

him for two years. Of all the ubiquitous individuals t ever ran neross in all sorts of out-of-the way places and elsewhere, Bill Lians was the one oftenest in evidence. The next time I saw him he was in New alled to see things as Bill himself York; next, I found him officiating as foreman in a little newspaper office in beame of the three or four man- a Nebraska prairie town; and a year ha in which some of old Bill's later he turned up in San Francisco. and stumbled across my path. On each and every occasion he had "169 best derned plot" all rendy to give me; and, quite as regularly, nothing came

of ito A few months after seeing him in San Francisco, while chatting with the edior of a paper in Southern New to the less publish it. I Mexico, I heard a familiar voice from

our old friend Bill, stick in hand, with ABDUL HAMID A BAD DEBTOR. the same old familiar one-eyed feer on his grizzled counterstore. After he How the Sultan Made an American

went our I told the editor about him. "Why den't you take the old villain

"All right, Bill. Come over and take suppor at the hetel with me,"

Bill rendily accepted the proposition ber.

duce him to reconsider.

"This is addin' insult t' injury," said all idea of ever getting the money. Bill, with grateful tears in his bleary On the last day of October word was

at its height, came startling news, been received. brought in by a late arrival from the | The moral of this transaction would on the war-path, and it behooved those must be content to wait a while for present—the men, at least—to get to your money, he being a slow debtor,

their buildings and stock. . . . A week later found us, a mere hand- York Tribune. ful of men, hampered by the presence of half a hundred women and children, besleged in garrison by a hundred or more agency-fed redskins, who had obwe were in a sad way. There was plenty of water, but provisions were getting distressingly low, and worse still, our supply of ammunition could not hold out much longer.

It was a very dejected lot of men "fort," and discussed the situation, It had come to the pass that, unless help arrived very, very soon, we must manage to get a courier through to the fort-an undertaking that, more than

"I'll go, t'-night," said he. "I got nofor this world, anyhow. Course, I'm sun. The women with pale blonde a tenderfoot, but I c'n try t' git halr, or the colorless, ashy kind, are through, anyhow."

It must be confessed, to our everlasting discredit, that we saw the logic of Bill's arguments, and the protests insincere. That night, mounted on the best horse in camp, and heavily armed, Bill Hams went out into the darkness, to give up what remained of his miserable, mistaken life for others.

He must have got lost in the hills that night; for when the reds sighted him, next day, he was only a few miles on his way. He gave them a running fight for several miles, but was finally hit by a stray shot and obliged to seek cover in the rocks. He made a good fight for his obtaing life, as the empty cartridge-shells around the rock where he had sought refuge amply proved. We found him the second day after he left us, stark naked and horribly mutilated. In his tightly elenched left hand was a scrap of paper, evidently overlooked by his murderers. On It-was hastily written

"Boys: They've got me, and I can see them crawling up. Good by.—Bill. P. S.-Just got one. Maybe Nibsy can make a story out of this," . . .

There was more, but it was undecipherable. I thought that, with his eye on the enemy, he had tried to outline another plot, - Lester Ketchum, in San Francisco Argonaut.

"The Hounds" and 'the Rovers," "Ef I had two bits f'r ev'ry time that's | mud at each other, and at everybody | not included in the bill. else; and The Boy was not infrequent-They punched all the little boys who telegraphed back to the shipping point: were better dressed than they were and they were deprayed enough and signed Wallace, arrived minus one bumean enough to tell the driver every reau, plus one jackass. Please trace time The Roy or Johnny Robertson at tempted to cent behind.

> guerrillas who aspired to be, and ofter Herald. pretended to be, either "Hounds" or "Rovers"-they did not care which They always hunted in couples, and if they met The Boy alone they asked himself belonged. If he said he was a and pointed him. If he declared himself in sympathy with the "Hounds," punched him again. If he disclaimed beth associations, they punched him, anyway, on general principles. "The Head of the Hovers" was subsequently killed, in front of Tom Riley's libertypole in Franklin street, in a fireman's viot, and "The Chief of the Hounds." who had a cint-foot, became a respect able egg merchant, with a stand in Washington Market, near the Roots heer Woman's place of business, on the south side. The Roy met two of the

ognize The Boy.-St. Nicholas. It is officially declared by the Russian Sold the letter to Bill. He read it the door of the composing room asking then, with some lurid pro-

only the other day; but they did not rec-

Firm Wait for Its Pay A certain lumber firm of this city cont to the mine, and straighten him more than two years ago shipped to out, if you're make to be there the Sultan of Turkey several thousand awhile's asked Sterman. "He's good dollars' worth of its most valuable or years if you can keep him sober; goods. The order included malogany ut he nearly died after his last jam, and ebony logs of unusual size, and of see, a few weeks ago. He's about the finest coloring and general qualify that could be obtained. The payment, Just then fill's hend emerged from or rather the promise to pay, was in the doorway, "Say, somey," he remark. the shape of a draft on the Sultan, the ed. "T've got somethin" t' tell ye, ef. money to be forthcoming upon the ar-'re 'round't night. It's a cerker, sure, rival of the logs at Constantinople. Naturally the American firm regarded the imperial treasury of Turkey as good for the price of a shipment of lum-

In due time the mahegany and the and work. He liked the prespect of a cheny reached the Golden Horn, and the ourbook, He had one or two "plors" lumber dealers did not fancy being to unfold, too; but he did not seem held responsible for charges upon goods disputches and letters were sent to the shifting air currents. Porte, but the "sick man of Europe" Bill had been with usar White Hawk was apparently too basy attending to

bestlered themselves in his behalf, and was able to open the Sultan's purse- every year, on the eve of his departure he was destrings. The Armenian question still coyed up to Higgins' boarding-house, absorbed his attention. Mayroyent where a "grand ball" was being held in Bey was recalled without having achis honor. And when they presented complished this bit of work. The tirm the old fellow with a handsome watch: lead for months practically abandoned

sent to the firm that the draft had been About midnight, when the batle was paid. Since then the actual money has

their respective ranches and look after but one who will come around at last if you give him plenty of time,-New

> Character in Hair. Men with fine light hair are smart,

viously succeeded in heading off cour- until late in life are apt to grow cross fers going toward the military posts, and schish. If a girl wishes to select and proposed to starve us out. And a husband she should examine his hair ble matter that collects about their very closely before accepting him, be- roots, and these are gradually becomcause it is a fine indication of what his ling anchored to the bottom, so that in disposition is. Men with fine brown | time a true ring island will be formed, hair, light or dark, make the best hus- resembling the coral atolls of the bands. They are quick, thoughtful and southern oceans. less apt to be selfish than their very that gathered together that August light or very dark-haired brothers. morning in Higgins', which was our Those whose hair turns gray prematurely are nearly always good fellows. They are a little nervous, but are oralny, sympathetic and very honorable. The hair turns white from being overserupulous in money matters and likely, meant death to the man at friendships oftener than it does for empting it. In this emergency arose grieving over one's shortcomings, Nearly all redheaded people are smart, whether the hair is coarse or fine, but body t' keer f'r me; no chick n'r child.
I'm nearly 70 years old, an' not long the is the stupidest person under the impulsive, loving, fickle. They are not to be depended upon, but are usually A curious application of the X-rays to good company while they like you. On the discovery of unseen things was rethe contrary, those with dark-brown cently made by Monsleur Lemoine at against his proposition were few and hair are very loyal. They are full of Rhelins. The chalk strata in that part sentiment and easily affected. They of France contain the fossil bones of enjoy keenly and suffer in proportion. birds, reptiles and mammals, and fre-Women with fine black hair are high quently these are shattered in the atstrung, and those with coarse black tempt at removal. It occurred to hair, if they are smart, are nearly al- Monsleur Lemoine that the embedded ways mean. All women with dark hair fossils might be photographed by the are more tempestuous than those with aid of the X-rays, since the latter pass light hair. The dark eyes and com- readily through chalk, but are largely plexion that go with the different intercepted by the phosphates of bones,

delphia Ruffetin,

who are hald are not desirable as hus-

tands unless they have money.-Phila-

A Suggestion to the Agent. When General Lew Wallace was serving as Territorial Governor of New Mexico a few years ago he shipped home to Indiana a sarload of curios for his friends. The collection for the most part consisted of boxes of minerals, furs, Indian blankets and beadwork, and with them was included a diminutive Mexican buryo or donkey intended for a neighbor's child ns a per-

When the car reached its destination the freight agent in checking up the contents of the car misunderstood the word "burro," and, thinking that it was "The Hounds" and "The Rovers' the phonetic attempt of some illiterate were rival bands of boys, not in The railroad to spell "bureas," was unable Boy's set, who for many years made to find any piece of furniture to fit the out-door life miserable to The Boy and bill of lading. On the other hand, he his friends. They threw stones and found in the car a long-eared dankey

According to custom, whenever large-"Car No. 27300; Albuquerque, condictated the answer. Thange places sons whose general intellectual There was also a band of unattached with the jackass "Chicago Times.

Bead Making. head-makers in the world; they have Peterson thinks, might explain the marhim to which of the organizations he made bends so long that their histo- vellous memory for music exhibited by rians do not mention a time when their Industry was not ancient and the Chi- ordinary powers of Heinecker, "the ness to-day do the work just as their child of Lubeck," who lived in the early forefathers did, and the styles are the part of the eighteenth century, and who they bolsted the "Rovers" colors, and same. After the Chinese no people are so expert as the Venetians. At tateuch at the age of one year, had present there are more than 1,000 workcraft in Veniera

> He-1 wonder what the meaning of that picture is? The youth and the malden are in a tender attitude.

going near the Deshrosses Street Ferry asked her to marry him, and she has accepted him: 'Ah! how appropriate the title."

> "I don't see It." "Why, this card at the bottom says



The Speed of Pigeons

Experiments have shown that placeon change of employment, and also that of the Mediterranean Steamship Com- are able to outstrip the fastest express being out of reach of his old enemy pany sent in to the shippers a gentle trains, although on the average they fly when one of his "spells" came on. So feminder that the settlement of freight at the rate of only about thirty-four when I drove out next day, I was no. Charges was in order. But meanwhile miles an hour. Monsteur Rodenbuch, in companied by this cheerful old repro- nothing had been heard from the sul- France, believes they can attain a vebate, who seemed happy as a boy over tan or his agents, and the New York locity exceeding seventy miles an hour-They are said to be unable to fly long disances in a perfect straight line; apburt when I failed to enthuse over which were not yet paid for. Calds parently they are easily driven aside by

Exhaustion of Natural Gas. about three months, and during that his Armenian subjects to be able to of natural gas in the United States fell the past had no parallel. The sanital legislative and administrative powers time had succeeded not only in stand. look after such triffes as settling with off one-half from 1888 to 1895. The de-rians had proved their case, "Light in the Cuba. Her electoral laws are such ing off "the enemy," but in making American creditors. No satisfactory cline has been less in Ohio and Indiana | Dark Places," by Jacob A. Riis, in the besides. So it was with gennine re- Then the lumber firm made applica- the last named State being worth more than in Pennsylvania, the product in Century, gret that everybody heard that he was tion to Mavroyeni Bey, at that time the than nineteen million dellars in 1888. about to pull up scakes and move on. Turkish Minister at Washington. He and less than six million dellars in 1895. But the roving fever had him, and promised to see that his sovereign Owing to the adoption of less wasteful nothing we could say or do would in- paid the bill without further delay, and methods, the falling off has not been the hopes of the dealers, were again, so rapid since 1801, but it still amounts Without his knowledge, "the boys" raised. But not even Mavroyeni Bey to an average decline of five per cent.

Making Glass Resist Fire. Attention has lately been drawn to a product called "wire-glass," which, it is asserted, presents an effective barrier against fire. It consists simply of a mesh-work of wire embedded in a glass place. Even when licked by flames and raised to a red heat it does not fall to pieces, and experiments have shown that, employed in windows and sky-Arizona line. The notorious "Kid" and seem to be that, if you have business heat of fire, but also the shattering his cut-throat band of reds were out dealings with Abdul Hamid II. you effects of cold water poured over it effects of cold water poured over it while it is yet glowing bot.

Ithaca an example of the very rare Men with fine light limit are smart. consists of a ring of plants floating in a conceiled, and if they do not marry pond, with a circle of clear water with life, and was therefore under the new conceiled. The boats that usually ply between the village and the Golden Horn, and was therefore under the new consists of a ring of plants floating in a ply between the village and the Golden Horn, and was therefore under the new consists of a ring of plants floating in a ply between the village and the Golden Horn, and was therefore under the new consists of a ring of plants floating in a ply between the village and the Golden Horn, and was therefore under the new consists of a ring of plants floating in a ply between the village and the Golden Horn, and was therefore under the new consists of a ring of plants floating in a ply between the village and the Golden Horn, and was therefore under the new consists of a ring of plants floating in a ply between the village and the Golden Horn, and was therefore under the new consists of a ring of plants floating in the plants flo in the ring. The plants derive their nourishment from the decayed vegera-

When Nebraska Wasa Lake. Extensive deposits of ancient vols have lately been turned to useful account as a source of pulverized pumice, of commerce. Professor Salisbury, of | tention toward my person. the University of Chicago, after exam-In water at a time when that region of was walking close behind me at the Heretics. The real heretics are the country was covered by a lake which is moment, and who, on observing the adsupposed to have existed late in the vance of the soldier upon me, snatched may have any part in the eternal sal-

Fossils Found by X-Rays.

shades of dark-brown and black denote. It is reported that his photographs clearstrong feeling. They are also more ly indicate the details of the hidden faithful than light-haired women. Men fossils.

Balata Rubber.

Owing to the increased demand for India-rubber, caused by the use of pacumatic tires for bleycles and other vehicles, there is said to be serious danger of a "rubber famine." The method of gathering India-rubber in tropical countries has been exceedingly wasteful because the easiest way, that of cutting down the trees, has too frequently been adopted. The search for substitutes has resulted in making known the virtues of a South American tree called the balata. This abounds in as to call for the exercise of unlimited British Gulana, and the rubber produced from it, while not possessing the electric and some other properties of caoutchouc, is said to answer very well for most of the ordinary purposes of

india-rubber. Wonders of the Brain.

That portion of the substance of the brain which is known as the "gray matter" is supposed to be most intimately related to intellectual action. Sometimes curious aggregations of gray. matter are found in particular parts of the brain, and Dr. Frederick Peterson has recently suggested in the Popular Science Monthly that these may be the cause of the extraordinary mental and notify." General Wallace himself | powers occasionally exhibited by perpacity hardly rises above that of idlots. Such powers, or aptitudes, always relate to some special faculty, like room ory, without including other faculties The Chinese are said to be the oldest. The aggregations referred to, Doctor "Band Tom," and the still more exra-"knew the chief incidents of the Penmastered all of sacred history at two age of three." When four years old he [10 each.

> New York's Sanitation. The appeal to the public conscience

told at last. With that attack in the Sig-Oh, don't you see? He has just churches, which had not been without blame, the new era began. That year (1879) a public competition evolved the present type of tenement, far from pertary reformers got the upper hand, and | oas.

their work told. The death-rate came down slowly. It is to-day, at the ead of thirty years, quite 25 per cent, lower than it was when the health departs ment was organized, and New York has been redeemed from a repreach for which there was no excuse, for no city in the world has such natural opsermattles for good samuation.

The immense stride it has taken was measured by the mortality during the suprecedented but spell of last summer. If was never so great, as, indeed, there never was an emergency like it more victims than the last cholem cp. Storms, Methodist, Detroit. demic during its whole season. Yet, intellectuality.—All people in this demie during its whole season. Yet, he had been season in the season of the sun, the mortality was an gularly low; the infant mortality ever the finger that points uncertailty to the sore spots in a community, if any there he was so noticeably low as to cause the fine of availation among the control of availation among the control of a feeling almost of exultation among the sanitary officials. And it was shown, by comparison with earlier had spells, that the population yielded more slowly to the heat. Where it lend taken showly to the heat. Where it lend taken overy man shall stand absolutely on his people, better housed, better fed, and Episcopalian, Boston,

Dangerous Umbrella.

tries farther to the east, and having cinuatt.

learned to regard the umbrella as a The Turk The Turk is by instinct a mark of high distinction, I was much thief and a murderer, and his path is astonished to find it in very common always marked by rapine and the sheduse there in rainy weather. However, ding of the blood of the innocent, Cleve-I soon had occasion to learn that traces land should be praised for what he has still remained of the distinction, so us dared to say against the bloody work ually throughout the East associated of the Sultan. Bishop J. P. Newman,

while it is yet glowing hot.

A Plant Atoll.

Professor Atkinson, the botanist of Cornell University, has discovered near Ithaca an example of the very rare load. On arriging at the Salassia, I set out, umbrella in Such a society needs prompt reconhand. On arriving at the waterside, I phenomenon called a "plant atoll." It found none of the boats that usually struction. Such a society the twentieth cessity of walking all the way along Gambling. The sin or crime of gamthe road behind the row of buildings bling has spread itself over society, and that face the Bosphorus.

palace of the Sultan, who was then re- land. There is nothing else that causes siding in it. As I approached the gate so much crime and sin-except the one of this mansion, with my umbrella over vice of liquor,-Rev. W. A. Gardner, my head, I observed that one of the Christian Church, San Francisco, in a commanding manner; but not com- der stones. So ceremonial religion ofcanic ash in Southwestern Nebraska prehending what he said, I went on, ten covers all manner of meanness and Upon which the soldier ran toward me vicious selfishness. True religion with his fixed bayonet leveled, and means a life that is absorbed in the which has become an important article without any indication of a friendly in person and teaching of Jesus Chrust,

ining the localities where the ash is day to the great city was probably ow- tian, is no part of true religion.- Rev. found, concludes that it was deposited ling to the good nature of a Turk, who Dr. Lee, Presbyterian, Clucinnati, tertiary period, and the ash is believed my umbrella with violence from my vation unless he swallows same creed to have been borne thither by winds. | hand, and thrust me forward, partially as impossible as Jonah was for the the assailant, who then returned to his man it would be the man who pre-

umbrella, endeavored to explain the Lyman Ward, Universalist, New York, fact, which I afterward ascertained more distinctly, that it was incumbent on every one to take down his umbrelia in passing the actual residence of the Happy Conception in Dress for Cold Sultan.

I had observed with some surprise that persons walking before me lower. his "silent steed" on a cold day the the palace, and again elevated them one. His rapid progress accentuates when they had passed, notwithstanding the effect of the low temperature on his the heavy rain, but without imagining body, and unless he is properly clothed that this was a matter of obligation. he will be very uncomfortable. The that persons passing on the Bosphorus In all sorts of weather all agree on the in boats never omitted to take down costume as pictured above as the ideal their umbrellas as they approached the one for cold weather. The cyclist should

his presence.

Great Thaw. Some farms in the hill country of New England are provided with so thin a coating of soil, and so abundant a supply of the material of stone wall, patience and philosophy on the part of

the native farmers. "Uncle Amos," said a summer resi dent of Ashville, stopping his horse close to Mr. Willet's stone wall, on the other side of which the old farmer stood, "what do you think of the the ory that all our rocks came from the north in icebergs originally?"

Uncle Amos, resting from his daily task of removing the stones from his south field and pilling them in heaps and mounds, surveyed his questioner in silence for a moment with a solemn face. Then he stooped, and taking upa good-sized stone in each hand, he looked down at them, while keen enjoyment of his prospective Joke tugged at the corners of his mouth.

"There's jest one thing I'm clear about," he said slowly, "and that is, if tis true, it must have been a mighty warm season when they struck my farm, and no mistake."

The Gold Beetle. The most remarkable gold beetle in the world are found in Central America. The head and wing cases are brilliantly polished with a luster as of gold itself. To sight and touch they have time, was very much interested in the all the seeming of metal. Oddly enough, another species from the same region men in the island of Murano alone who years, and was intimately acquainted has the appearance of being wrought are engaged in head-making. The few with modern and profane history and in solid silver, freshly burnished. These manufacturers in other parts of the geography, and spoke French and gold and silver beetles have a market world have all learned the secret of the | Latin, besides his native tongue, at the | value. They are worth from £5 to

She Meant the Poet.

An English writer suggests that Scottish pronunciation is misleading. "Do game at poker last night, didn't she? you like buns?" asked the governess. "Yes," said be, "If they are made with sultana raisins and not currants." Whereupon she blushed, and explain-

ed that she meant the poet "Bu'ns."



Christian Liberty.-The unwritten constitution of our institutions, the since records were kept. During the bedrock of our civilization and liberties, ten days it listed the heat cravel many is Christian, not pagen. Rev. A. B.

two or three days to reach the climax overy man shall suand absolutely on his of sunstroke, it now took five. The own individuality. Rev. S. R. Fuller,

reathing clean air in clean streets, had Spain. Spain is a robber. She has always in the majority.-Rev. R. G. Hutchins, Presbyterian, Chycland.

Dr. John Kitto, the well-known En in a calm old age that causes us to bend glish writer and commentator on the the knee almost involuntarily and in-Bible, was by no means devoid of his cline the head in respectful homage. mor, and he took considerable pleasure Age can be so beautiful. The passions in relating some amusing adventures are held in check. The tempestuous which at one time and another had be longings of youth are stilled and sefallen him. One of these narratives is rently sits upon the brow of him who quoted by Dr. Eadle in his "Life of Dr. has grown old gracefully, upon whose Arriving at Constantinople from coun- Rabbi David Philipson, Hebrew, Cinheart time has laid his hand gently,-

Methodist, San Jose, Cal.

Such a society needs prompt recon-

is drawing down strong men. It is one One of these buildings was a favorite of the greatest crime breeders in the

sentinels stationed there accosted me True Religion.—Scorpions breed un-Whatever detracts from the sacred That I took my person safely that life and mission of Christ is not Chris-

osing himself between me and whale. If I could excommunicate any station, and allowed me to proceed in sumes to deny all grace to those who live Justly with mankind, but who do The friendly Turk, in returning my not accept their clammy dogmas.—Rev.

WINTER COSTUME.

Weather Cycling. To the enthusiastic eyellst who rides ed their umbrellas as they approached question of dress is a most important I observed & subsequent occasions old-timers who have ridden for years front of the mansion which the "broth. Wear a suit of medium weight underer of the sun and moon" honored with clothing. Over the underelothing



heavy, closely-woven golf stockings, a heavy, closely-woven sweater or two, if cold enough, and a heavy cycle suit. As his feet, hands and cars will be most susceptible, he should wear fur lined gloves, or, if they are too expensive, heavy woolen gloves, arctic overshoes and a close-fitting cotton skull cap that may be pulled down over his евгя.

A Snap Shot. A little child often not only leads but amuses by original descriptions of ordinary events. Says the Pittsburg Chron-

lele: A judge's little daughter, who had attended her father's court for the first proceedings. After her return home she told her mother: "Papa made a speech, and several other men made speeches, to twelve men who sat all together, and then these twelve men were put in a dark chamber to be developed."

Not All Boldness. Dick-Polly played a rattling good

Dan (who lost some of his money)-Yes. I guess she did. Dick-There's a girl for you! No lack of go about her! All boldness and

dash! Dan-Not all boldness, dear boy! fect, but an immense improvement upon the wicked old barracks. The sani-New York Tribune,